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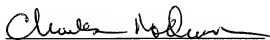
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The invention relates to a device for automatic measurement and separation of bodies as regards their material properties, in particular of hollow bodies of plastics, as they appear in domestic and industrial waste, and in particular the optical measurement of material properties.

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The present invention relates to a color classification device for used glass bottles for classifying used glass bottles according to their color, and in particular a color classification device for used glass bottles and a corresponding classification method for recycling the bottles as resources. The device has a beaker conveyor for automatic classification of used glass bottles according to their color and has a device for exclusion of bottles, which stand in the beakers, in selective manner.

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Problem To Be Solved: To provide a discarded bottle sorting apparatus which is equipped with a bucket conveyor for receiving and transporting discarded bottles and can place the bottles surely into buckets.

Solution: In a sorting apparatus, discarded bottles B are supplied from a discarded bottle supplying apparatus to a roller type size sorting machine 2 to be sorted by size and charged into a bucket conveyor 10 through a bottle arranging apparatus 3 to be sorted. A gliding inclined plate 11 and a posture controlling plate 12 are installed in a discarded bottle feed port to the conveyor 10, the movement of the bottles B are regulated, and the bottles B are mounted on prescribed positions of the buckets 10a and sorted.

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Purpose: To provide a color sorting apparatus capable of accurately confirming the color of a bottle by eliminating the confirmation error of the color of a bottle caused by the effect of a label. *Constitution:* An apparatus for sorting the colors of bottles having different colors is equipped with a conveyor 1 arranging the mouth parts and bottom parts of bottles so as to cross a feed direction at a right angle and feeding adjacent bottles at a predetermined interval, the color confirming part 3 arranged on the midway part of the conveyor 1 and photographing the mouth parts and bottom parts of the fed bottles to confirm the colors of the bottles and a sorting device 4 sorting the bottles confirmed in the color confirming part 3 to recover them in predetermined bottle recovery parts 41-44. The conveyor 1 is made of a slat conveyor.

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